



The Spare Tire

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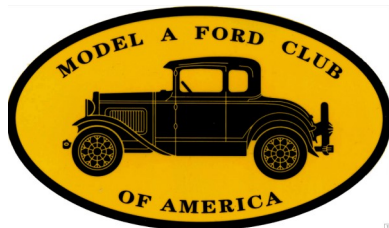
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"A" Note from the President...

As we enter into the month of May, I hope that you are all still healthy and have the things you need to get through these trying times. Spring time has at least allowed us to get out of the house into the yard and enjoy the weather! In my neighborhood I've seen folks walking that I've not seen in the past. **Good news for our club.** Tom and Sherry Mack have invited us to come to their house in Prosperity on May 16th to enjoy a **picnic lunch on the lawn.** (See details/guidelines for picnic on this page) This will give us the opportunity not only to enjoy driving our A's, but also fellowship (**6 ft. apart**) with someone other than our significant others. In the event of rain, we will have to cancel as indoor meeting is not an option. We will also take this opportunity to discuss the possibilities of having, or not, our annual swap meet that is scheduled for June. Twila and I are looking forward to being able to once again join together and fellowship with our "Model A family" and friends. So Dust'em off, Gas'em up and let's go Model A'ing!!!

John Cockerill

16 May, 2020 Membership Meeting

We have been invited to have a picnic on the back lawn at Tom and Sherry Mack's home in Prosperity. In light of the social distancing, everyone will bring everything for their own picnic needs - food, drinks, chairs and/or blankets, disinfectant wipes. Tom will have one bathroom available for our use.

We will meet at the Walmart at 1180 Dutch Fork Road in Irmo and depart at 11 am. Bring your walkie-talkies!

RAIN CANCELS EVENT



May

Birthdays

Barbara Dye - 5th
 Davin Smith - 9th
 Cole McKinney - 11th
 Harold Jones - 17th
 Frank Sox - 22nd
 Chuck Lyons - 27th
 Wyman Toole - 30th

Anniversaries

Tom & Sherry Mack - 3rd
 Frank & Bobbie Sox - 9th
 Carroll & Jacci Barker - 23rd



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The Spare Tire

**Due date for submissions
 For the June 2020
 issue is May 20th**

WANTED:

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR
 FOR THE SPARE TIRE**

**Must have computer skills
 and be willing to fill in
 for open positions**

Current newsletter editor willing to teach "the ropes"

This is my sixth and final year as your newsletter editor. I have enjoyed working with everyone to publish *The Spare Tire* every month but it is time for someone new to take over. You all have until October to consider this position and I will answer any questions anyone has about being a newsletter editor. It can be fun and challenging at the same time. You get to work with a great bunch of people on the Palmetto Board of Directors and the club membership. And, like the sitcom Cheers, "It's where everyone knows your name!" So, give it some serious consideration and see me if you have questions.

Twila

Treasurer's Report, April, 2020

We continue to maintain a balance in line with the club budget as set and approved by the Board of Directors. All bills and receipts are processed promptly. The checkbook is balanced monthly with no discrepancies. The club account balance is reported at each General Membership meeting.
 Happy Begg, Treasurer

Sunshine Report

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: everyone touched by COVID-19 and all the caregivers.

Remember: call, write or send a card to someone who needs encouragement. We are "FAMILY" and it helps to be thought of and prayed about.

If you have any Sunshine concerns, please call or email the newsletter editor to add the name to our Sunshine Report.

I TALKED WITH A MAN TODAY

I talked with a man today, an 80+-year-old man. I asked him if there was anything I can get him while this Coronavirus scare was gripping America. He simply smiled, looked away and said:

"Let me tell you what I need! I need to believe, at some point, this country my generation fought for... I need to believe this nation we handed safely to our children and their children...

I need to know this generation will quit being a bunch of sissies...that they respect what they've been given...that they've earned what others sacrificed for."

I wasn't sure where the conversation was going or if it was going anywhere at all. So, I sat there, quietly observing.

"You know, I was a little boy during WWII. Those were scary days. We didn't know if we were going to be speaking English, German or Japanese at the end of the war. There was no certainty, no guarantees like Americans enjoy today.

And no home went without sacrifice or loss. Every house, up and down every street, had someone in harm's way. Maybe their Daddy was a soldier, maybe their son was a sailor, maybe it was an uncle. Sometimes it was the whole damn family...fathers, sons, uncles...

Having someone, you love, sent off to war...it wasn't less frightening than it is today. It was scary as Hell. If anything, it was more frightening. We didn't have battlefront news. We didn't have email or cellphones. You sent them away and you hoped...you prayed. You may not hear from them for months, if ever. Sometimes a mother was getting her son's letters the same day Dad was comforting her over their child's death.

And we sacrificed. You couldn't buy things. Everything was rationed. You were only allowed so much milk per month, only so much bread, toilet paper. EVERYTHING was restricted for the war effort. And what you weren't using, what you didn't need, things you threw away, they were saved and sorted for the war effort. My generation

was the original recycling movement in America.

And we had viruses back then...serious viruses. Things like polio, measles, and such. It was nothing to walk to school and pass a house or two that was quarantined. We didn't shut down our schools. We didn't shut down our cities. We carried on, without masks, without hand sanitizer. And do you know what? We persevered. We overcame. We didn't attack our President, we came together. We rallied around the flag for the war. Thick or thin, we were in it to win. And we would lose more boys in an hour of combat than we lose in entire wars today." He slowly looked away again. Maybe I saw a small tear in the corner of his eye. Then he continued:

"Today's kids don't know sacrifice. They think sacrifice is not having coverage on their phone while they freely drive across the country. Today's kids are selfish and spoiled. In my generation, we looked out for our elders. We helped out with single moms whose husbands were either at war or dead from war. Today's kids rush the store, buying everything they can...no concern for anyone but themselves. It's shameful the way Americans behave these days. None of them deserve the sacrifices their granddads made.

So, no I don't need anything. I appreciate your offer but, I know I've been through worse things than this virus. But maybe I should be asking you, what can I do to help you? Do you have enough pop to get through this, enough steak? Will you be able to survive with 113 channels on your tv?"

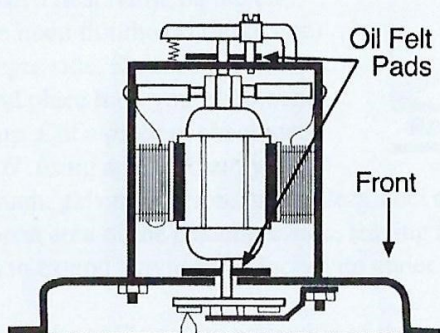
I smiled, fighting back a tear of my own...now humbled by a man in his 80's. All I could do was thank him for the history lesson, leave my number for emergency and leave with my ego firmly tucked in my rear.

I talked to a man today. A real man. An American man from an era long gone and forgotten. We will never understand the sacrifices. We will never fully earn their sacrifices. But we should work harder to learn about them...learn from them...to respect them.

Posted on Facebook, courtesy of Craig Dew

HORN LUBRICATION

Lubricating their horn is one item that some people overlook. There are two felt pads at the armature area of your horn. Put two (2) drops of 3-1 type oil on each felt oiler pad about two times a year and this will help keep your horn working. DO NOT OVER OIL.



Submitted by Tony Topicz, Ohio Valley Region.
Illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

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Editor's Note....

Yes, the newsletter is late! It seems that all the days run together and I am never sure what day it is without looking at my calendar. I have been waiting until the last minute to see what changes will be made in regards to our pandemic situation.

Hopefully, everyone has been safe and secure, if not sanitized to the Nth degree. Being cooped up is not my cup of tea and I am running low on patience.

We are allowed to take drives in our Model A's and John has been taking advantage of that to put 500 miles on the Victoria (at no more than 35 mph) to break in a motor rebuild.

We hope to see you at our "socially distanced" picnic at the Mack's this month!

Twila



Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Installing New Radiator Hoses

Heat takes a toll on the radiator hoses, especially the upper hose. The radiator hoses on a Model A can be a pain to install, particularly the lower ones with the pipe. Here are a few tips I have picked up to make the job easier.

Use a lubricating non-hardening sealant inside the hose ends to make it easier to slide them on to the engine and radiator necks, and easier to move them around when you need to. The best one that I have found is called Hylomar AF (I get it from W.W. Grainger). A thin coating inside the hose helps it slide around when installing, and will also make it easier to remove in the future.

On the lower pipe, install one short hose on each end of the pipe and secure each with a clamp. Estimate where you want the hoses to be, but be prepared to move them later after a trial fitting. Slide the hose end first on to the radiator outlet at the bottom and slide it far forward. Then work the other end's hose over the cast iron water inlet and slide up. Feel through the hose to find the bead on the inlet and clamp on the engine side of the bead. Then tighten the clamp at the radiator.

The upper hose uses a similar technique. Slide the hose first down on the cast iron engine gooseneck. Carefully work the other end over the radiator inlet and slide it up. Then position the hose clamps near the end of the hose and tighten them.

Do not over tighten the hose clamps, especially the ones on the radiator. If you do, you can buckle and crush the thin brass, and you will cut into the hoses. You should not have to make the clamps too tight if you use some sealant. Start out with them just snug and then only tighten more if coolant drips from the hose when the system is full. After driving a few times, go back and check the clamps, snug them up a bit if needed.



That's it! Have a Model A Day! Jim



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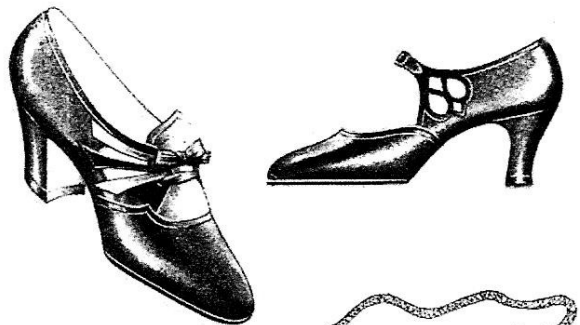
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Seen in the Shops on Fifth Ave.
By Patti Jones
 (taken from May 1929 Needlecraft Magazine)

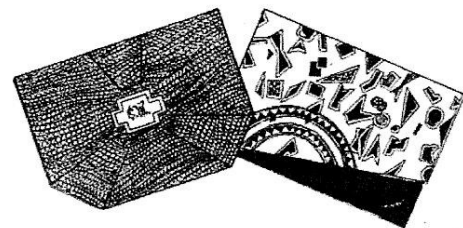
Contrary to predictions, reptile leathers for shoes continued to be in vogue during this period of fashions. Pumps like these are dressy with a higher heel and thin straps. They could be purchased in “watersnake”, lizard and genuine leather or specially treated calf to resemble reptile leather. They could be dyed in many colors, often matching purses sold to complement the shoe.



As the Summer was beginning, there were new shoes created for warm days. They consisted of gaudy prints, combined with colored leathers, and in pongee fabric. Evening slippers of crepe de Chine were dyed to match the wearer’s evening gown.



Small silk envelope purses dyed to match the wearer’s shoes are “tres vogue” for the year. It was stated in the article “Of course you know that your handbag should match your shoes...” Envelope style purses were predominant; some with metal trim.



Scarves are accented with the “watersnake” pattern for this style year. Many silk scarves in bright colors are trimmed in “watersnake” skin pattern to complete the purse and shoe ensemble.



It should be noted that during 1928-1929 buttons were predominately used as fasteners on shoes. After that, buckles were in vogue for the remaining of the Model A years.

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Cook’s Corner.....

Butter Dip Buttermilk Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup (1 stick)
- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 tbsp. granulated sugar
- 1-1/2 tbsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1- 3/4 cup buttermilk

Preheat oven to 450°F.

Place butter in an 8x8-in. baking dish. Place baking dish in the oven to melt the butter while preparing biscuit dough.

Meanwhile, in a mixing bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt with a whisk or fork. Add the buttermilk and stir with a spatula until a batter forms. It will be sticky.

Remove the baking dish from the oven. Pour the biscuit batter over the top of the butter, spreading it into the pan with a spatula. It’s okay if some of the butter runs over the batter. Using a sharp knife, cut the biscuits into 9 squares.

Bake 22-25 minutes, or until the biscuits are cooked through and golden brown.



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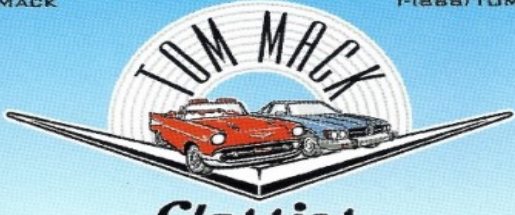
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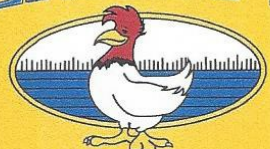


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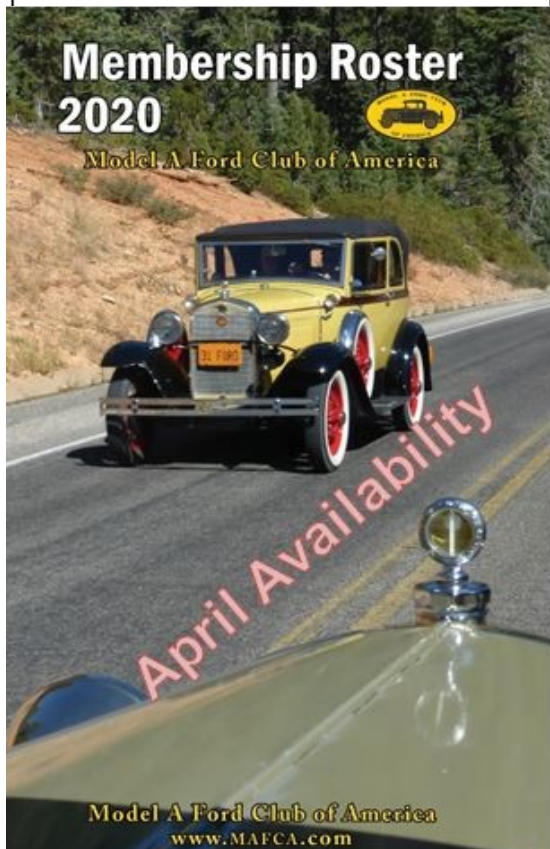
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Members are encouraged to join the following national clubs:

- Model A Ford Club of America.
Annual dues are \$50 and include a subscription to **The Restorer Magazine** from MAFCA, 250 South Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631 and
- Model 'A' Restorers Club
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Palmetto A's Schedule for 2020

May 16 Picnic at the Mack's. See front page.

June 19-20 Palmetto A's Annual Swap Meet (set up on June 18)

July - TBA

August - TBA

September - TBA

WE WILL UPDATE THE CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS AS SOON AS IT IS DEEMED SAFE FOR US TO GATHER

Other Events of Interest

2020

June 1-5 - MARC National Meet, Oshkosh Wisconsin **CANCELLED**

June 12-14 - [Charlotte Autofair](#) (postpone from April)

June 21-26 - [MAFCA National Convention in Texas Hill Country](#) **CANCELLED**

October 7-10 - Hershey Swap Meet, Hershey, PA

October 15-17 - Charlotte AutoFair

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June 20-25 MAFCA National Tour in New Hampshire. Watch for details!

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